



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT



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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 %

For the week ending September 25, 2004, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva g houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.1% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 1.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a increase of 2.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending September 18, 2004 compared to 10.2 million slaughter during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
07/31/04	14,501	13,851	11,734	11,425	11,734	11,425
08/07/04	14,426	13,881	11,971	11,439	11,971	11,614
08/14/04	14,346	13,803	11,918	11,416	11,918	11,416
08/21/04	14,611	13,898	11,908	11,481	11,910	11,481
08/28/04	14,263	13,704	11,784	11,569	11,785	11,569
09/04/04	13,809	13,342	11,788	11,509	11,791	11,509
09/11/04	12,900	12,708	11,934	11,584	11,935	11,584
09/18/04	12,409	12,087	11,755	11,501	11,759	11,501
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 10/02/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	63.26	62.74	68.69	61.68
12-City Composite 2/	69.92	69.59	74.34	64.59

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.